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In the Claims

Claims 1-31 (Cancelled)

32. (New) A bio-function assist device, comprising:

a sensor to sense conditions of a predetermined bio-function; and

a control circuit, in operative communication with said sensor, to control

generation of various electrical stimuli in response to sense conditions of the

predetermined bio-function;

a chaos control generator to generate a pre-malfunction state electrical signal so

as to bring a pre-malfunction bio-function condition back into a normal bio-function

condition when said control circuit determines from the sensed conditions a pre-state of

malfunction, and

an environment enhancement generator to generate an electrical enhancement

signal, said electrical enhancement signal effectively lowering a threshold for enabling

proper functioning of the predetermined bio-function when said control circuit

determines from the sensed conditions that a natural signal of the predetermined bio-

function has fallen below a threshold to trigger the predetermined bio-function to

function properly.

33. (New) The bio-function device as claimed in claim 32, wherein said electrical

enhancement signal comprises a noise signal.

34. (New) The bio-function device as claimed in claim 32, wherein said electrical

enhancement signal comprises a periodic signal.

35. (New) The bio-function device as claimed in claim 32, wherein said electrical

enhancement signal comprises a high frequency deterministic signal.

36. (New) The bio-function device as claimed in claim 32, wherein said electrical

enhancement signal comprises a randomly fluctuating intensity signal.

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- 37. (New) The bio-function device as claimed in claim 32, wherein said electrical enhancement signal comprises a randomly fluctuating frequency signal.
- 38. (New) The bio-function device as claimed in claim 32, wherein said electrical enhancement signal is modulated in response to the sensed subthreshold signal.
- 39. (New) The bio-function device as claimed in claim 32, wherein said sensor comprises a two-dimensional high resolution patch to measure, capacitively, a voltage waveform.
- 40. (New) The bio-function device as claimed in claim 39, wherein said two-dimensional high resolution patch comprises a two-dimensional array of individual non-destructive floating-gate charge-sensing amplifiers.
 - 41. (New) A method for assisting a bio-function to perform normally, comprising:
 - (a) sensing conditions of a predetermined bio-function,
- (b) determining a state of the predetermined bio-function from the sensed conditions;
- (c) generating a pre-malfunction state electrical signal so as to bring a pre-state of malfunction condition back into a normal bio-function condition when it is determined, from the sensed conditions, a pre-state of malfunction exists, and
- (d) generating an electrical enhancement signal, the electrical enhancement signal effectively lowering a threshold for enabling proper functioning of the predetermined bio-function when it is determined, from the sensed conditions, that a natural signal of the predetermined bio-function has fallen below a threshold to trigger the predetermined bio-function to function properly.
- 42. (New) The method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the electrical enhancement signal comprises a noise signal.

- 43. (New) The method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the electrical enhancement signal comprises a periodic signal.
- 44. (New) The method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the electrical enhancement signal comprises a high frequency deterministic signal.
- 45. (New) The method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the electrical enhancement signal comprises a randomly fluctuating intensity signal.
- 46. (New) The method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the electrical enhancement signal comprises a randomly fluctuating frequency signal.
- 47. (New) The method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the electrical enhancement signal is modulated in response to the sensed subthreshold signal.
- 48. (New) The method as claimed in claim 41, wherein the conditions of the biofunction are sensed by capacitively measuring a voltage waveform.